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SUBJECT: ICAO AND THE MLS

FOR EB; IO; FAA

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1. WHITNEY (UK MEMBER AWO PANEL) WILL BE IN MONTREAL OCT. 14.
IS HE ENROUTE TO/FROM WASHINGTON? US REP WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING STATUS US/UK TESTING COLLABORATION RE DOPPLER
MULTIPATH PROBLEM BEFORE UK/US REP DISCUSS VISIT FURTHER.

2. BOYD-CARPENTER (UK-CAA) PROCEEDING MONTREAL FROM WASH
NOV 17. US REP GIVING DINNER. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
WHETHER WASH VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH BILATERAL OR MLS OR
BOTH.

3. US REP AND COMMISSIONER ON WASH CONSULTATION OCT 28/29.
SUGGEST MTG AT FAA, E&D FOR UPDATING ON STATUS MLS.

4. SECRETARIAT NOW RECOMMENDING AWOP VI DATES FOR TWO WEEKS
MID-MARCH "AT REQUEST OF RAPPORTEUR AFTER CONSULTATION
WITH PANEL MEMBERS." UNDERSTAND US MEMBER NOT "CONSULTED"
BUT THAT PANEL HAD AGREED EARLIER THAT ANY DATES IN JAN-MAR
PERIOD ACCEPTABLE. MEETINGS SCHEDULE COMES BEFORE AN COMMISSION
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OCT 19 OR 21. (AN-WP4583). UNDERSTAND FAA DOES NOT REPEAT NOT

WANT US MAKE EFFORT TO HOLD PANEL TO EARLIER RECOMMENDED DATES
(STARTING JAN 31).

5. US COMMISSIONER ARRANGED GOOD COMMISSION DECISION ON WORLD-
WIDE MEETINGS HAVING COM DIVISION BEGIN SPECIFICATIONS IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING AWO DIVISION SYSTEM SELECTION FALL AKA-DEC 83-4).
IF THIS SCHEDULING HOLDS AT LEAST FOR COMMENCEMENT SPECS, PROGRAM
WILL BE MOVED BACK TOWARD INITIAL TIME FRAME SET BY 7TH ANC.

6. INCREASING CONCERN IN ICAO RESULT OF RUMORS OF
DIVISION BETWEEN DOPPLER AND TRSB GROUPS, GROWING TENSION BETWEEN
US-UK, UNFORTUNATE US PRESS BLAMING ICAO AND THREATENING
UNILATERAL ACTION. UNDERSTAND CONGRESSMAN MILFORD HAS NOW
ISSUED PRESS RELEASE DEMANDING "VOTE" IN AWO PANEL. ICAO PANELS
DO NOT "VOTE" AND ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID ANY ACTION
BY WORKING GROUP A IN LONDON OR AWO VI OTHER THAN EXPRESSION TECHNIC
AL
ASSESSMENT BY INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS ON PANEL. VOTE MAY REPEAT MAY
BE TAKEN IN SPRING 77 SESSION WHEN PANEL WORK COMES TO COMMISSION
(15 MEMBERS) OR COUNCIL (30 MEMBER STATES) BEFORE GOING TO AWO
DIVISION.

7. RECENTLY UK COMMISSIONER PREPARED INFORMAL REPT FOR LONDON ON
HOW COMMISSION WOULD VOTE ON MLS. US REP HAS REASON TO
BELIEVE IT CAME OUT FAVORING US TRSB. WILL DISCREETLY PURSUE.
FYI. IN ADDITION TO STATES REPRESENTED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS
ON AWO PANEL (8 ONLY), COMMISSION INCLUDES ARGENTINA, BRAZIL,
MEXICO, SPAIN, JAPAN, KENYA, SCANDINAVIA. (IATA - IFALPA
OBSERVERS ONLY.) THIS IS QUITE DIFFERENT "MIX" FROM AWO PANEL.
IF WE CAN HOLD USSR AND AUSTRALIA (BOTH OF WHICH INFLUENCE OTHERS),
AND FIRM UP CANADA, WE SHOULD BE ABLE GET JAPAN AND KENYA. IF
LA BLOC CAN BE INFLUENCED AS GROUP NEEDLESS TO SAY THEY COULD
CARRY COMMISSION AND COUNCIL FOR EITHER SYSTEM. (US OR UK).

8. OTHER THAN ABOVE MEETINGS SCHEDULE EFFORTS, THERE ARE NO
PROPOSALS PENDING IN ICAO (NOR HAVE THERE BEEN) FOR EXPEDITING
SELECTION SYSTEM OR TIGHTENING SCHEDULE SLIPPAGES. VERY
IMPORTANT THAT US MISSION/ICAO BE KEPT ADVISED RE USG CONCERNS AND
REQUIREMENTS. ONLY AFTER WE HAVE MADE PROPOSALS AND ICAO HAS
TURNED THEM DOWN, CAN BE EFFECTIVELY "BLAME" ORGANIZATION FOR
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